

Torrance, California
July 2, 1940

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, July 2, 1940 at 4:35 P.M.

Mayor McGuire called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Babcock, Murray and McGuire. Absent: Councilmen: Hitchcock and Powell.

Councilman Murray moved that a recess of 10 minutes be declared to await the arrival of Councilmen Hitchcock and Powell. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilmen Hitchcock and Powell arrived at 4:36 P.M., the meeting reconvening at 4:38 P.M.

A petition bearing ten signatures was read, protesting against the use of portions of Lots 2 and 3 of Tract No. 7544 as a storage yard for plastering and construction equipment. Clerk Bartlett was requested to obtain from the Engineering Department the street address of the above described property.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the matter be referred to the Police Committee for investigation and report at the regular meeting of July 9, 1940. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett, having obtained the address as requested from the Engineering Department, announced the address to be 2306-2308 Gramercy Avenue.

A communication was read from Union Oil Company of California, reporting no permits issued and no pipe lines constructed, removed or relocated under Ordinances Nos. 1010 and 1501 during the six months' period ending June 30, 1940.

A communication was read from Ivan R. Kettering, applying for the position of part time engineer at the Walteria Fire Station at a salary of \$125.00 per month for one year, and agreeing to certain terms relative to the position.

Councilman Babcock asked whether his understanding that Mr. Kettering would not be under civil service if appointed was correct, Mayor McGuire answering in the affirmative and adding that Mr. Kettering would be subject to all fire calls at any and all times with no additional compensation.

Councilman Powell moved that Ivan R. Kettering be employed as part time engineer at the Walteria Fire Station for one year beginning July 1, 1940 at a salary of \$125.00 per month, subject to an agreement now on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Torrance. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion. (The communication as read constituting the agreement referred to in the motion).

Councilman Babcock questioned the advisability of employing a person for a term of one year with no provision made for changes in the event a change is desired during the year.

Councilman Powell withdrew his motion, no second being received. Councilman Powell moved that a clause be added to the agreement submitted by Mr. Kettering providing a 30-day mutual termination agreement, this motion to be included as part of the above motion. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett stated he had received a number of letters from various auditors in connection with the 1940-41 auditing contract, among them being two communications from Logan R. Cotton. Clerk Bartlett offered to read all the communications, but was requested to read only those submitted by Logan R. Cotton. Copy of a letter dated June 12, 1940, bearing the date July 1, 1940, from Logan R. Cotton was read, requesting that he be informed when official action in the matter of awarding the 1940-41 auditing contract would be taken and offering to file a proposal for consideration. Another letter from Mr. Cotton, dated July 2, 1940, was read, suggesting that the minutes of June 27, 1940 be amended to read as follows: that a fee of \$450.00 be paid for the auditing of the General records and accounts and that a fee of \$300.00 be paid for auditing the accounts and records of the Water Department, mentioning the above amounts to be the same as paid in prior years.

Prior to reading of the two communications from Mr. Cotton, Councilman Babcock said he understood the matter had been settled June 27, 1940 when the motion was made to award the auditing contract to Logan R. Cotton. Clerk Bartlett answered that the matter had not been settled, in that the motion was out of order.

Clerk Bartlett suggested that, if it is the desire of the Council to amend the motion of June 27, 1940 as suggested by Mr. Cotton, separate motions be made, one awarding the contract for auditing the city books and another motion awarding the contract for auditing the books of the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1.

A question arose about the \$600.00 fee mentioned in the original motion, Councilman Babcock stating that he thought someone had given him this figure as the total amount paid for auditing the city and water books in prior years. He said he had informed Mr. Cotton that he figured that was the amount paid for the job. Clerk Bartlett stated Mr. Cotton had said at the time he (Mr. Cotton) read the minutes of June 27, 1940 he did not have that understanding.

Councilman Babcock read a citation from the general laws of a certain case relative to awarding contracts for personal services.

Councilman Babcock moved that the motion of June 27, 1940 awarding the contract for auditing the accounts and records of the City of Torrance for the fiscal year 1940-41 be amended to read as follows:

that Logan R. Cotton be awarded the contract for auditing the accounts and records of the City of Torrance for a fee of \$450.00 and that he be awarded the contract for auditing the accounts and records of the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1 for a fee of \$300.00. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Murray, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.


Clerk Bartlett read a telephonic report from Attorney McCall, in which Mr. McCall advised he had been in conference with Mr. Warren and the Attorney for the Sanitation District and that a contract had been agreed on, which will be drawn up and ready for presentation to the Council at the Regular Meeting July 9, 1940.

Clerk Bartlett announced that Mr. Greig of the Associated Assessment Engineers had called and recommended that payment of 1915 Act Bonds now coming due be withheld until he completes his audit, stating that he feels the remaining bond holders of 1915 Act Bonds can be induced to take considerably less money in settlement, proper forms for this procedure to be in the office not later than July 5, 1940.

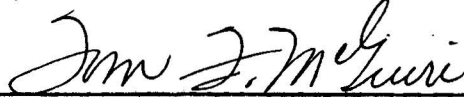
Mayor McGuire announced a meeting to be held at the Del Mar Club July 13, 1940, at which time authorities on zoning and planning will be present as speakers, and urged that as many as possible attend the meeting.

A printed form of the newly adopted zoning ordinance was presented for study.

At 5:07 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Babcock, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:


Mayor of the City of Torrance